

Fall 1991 Community College Transfers to California's Two Public Universities

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Trends in new transfer enrollments

University of California. In Fall 1991, the University of California maintained its Fall 1990 level of enrollment opportunities for new California Community College transfer students, enrolling 7,464 of these students -- 44 more than in Fall 1990.

The numbers of new Latino students continued to expand substantially, with 127 more Latino students transferring to the University in Fall 1991 than in Fall 1990. The numbers of Asian and Native American new transfer students also increased slightly, but the numbers of new White, Filipino, and Black transfers students dropped. As a result, the pool of new transfer students has become increasingly diverse (Display 1, below.)

Over the last five years, the representation of Asian stu-

dents among new transfer students at the University has grown from 14.0 percent to 16.4 percent, and the representation of Latino students has increased from 10.4 percent to 13.9 percent. On the other hand, the representation of Black students has declined from 3.6 percent to 3.1 percent, and that of White students has dropped from 68.7 percent to 62.9 percent.

The California State University: In Fall 1991, enrollment at the California State University of new transfer students from California Community Colleges dropped to 28,557 -- a decline of 813 students from the Fall 1990 level of 29,370. In recent years, the numbers of new community college transfer students has tended to fluctuate around 29,000 students, so the current year drop may not be indicative of a new downward trend.

The only racial/ethnic group of new transfer students that

DISPLAY 1 *New Community College Students Enrolled at California's Two Public Universities, Fall 1987 Through Fall 1991, by Racial/Ethnic Background*

		University of California					The California State University				
Background	Characteristic	Fall 1987	Fall 1988	Fall 1989	Fall 1990	Fall 1991	Fall 1987	Fall 1988	Fall 1989	Fall 1990	Fall 1991
Asian	Number	708	740	780	1,065	1,095	2,721	2,665	2,607	2,759	2,714
	Percent	14.0%	13.7%	13.7%	15.9%	16.4%	10.6%	10.1%	10.3%	10.6%	10.8%
Black	Number	183	185	197	209	208	1,475	1,560	1,611	1,717	1,655
	Percent	3.6%	3.4%	3.4%	3.1%	3.1%	5.7%	5.9%	6.4%	6.6%	6.6%
Filipino	Number	115	95	94	147	134	567	636	678	768	739
	Percent	2.3%	1.8%	1.6%	2.2%	2.0%	2.2%	2.4%	2.7%	2.9%	3.0%
Latino	Number	525	639	680	796	923	2,875	3,019	3,092	3,615	3,862
	Percent	10.4%	11.8%	11.9%	11.9%	13.9%	11.2%	11.4%	12.3%	13.8%	15.4%
Native American	Number	51	82	78	101	107	334	288	312	359	350
	Percent	1.0%	1.5%	1.4%	1.5%	1.6%	1.3%	1.1%	1.2%	1.4%	1.4%
White	Number	3,466	3,673	3,882	4,366	4,191	17,789	18,260	16,937	16,924	15,696
	Percent	68.7%	67.8%	68.0%	65.3%	62.9%	69.1%	69.1%	67.1%	64.7%	62.7%

increased in number between Fall 1990 and Fall 1991 was Latino students, with 247 more transferring in 1991 than in 1990. Over the past five years, the numbers of new transfers from all racial/ethnic groups except White students have grown -- yielding a more diverse new transfer student population at the State University.

The representation of Latino students among the pool of new community college transfer students has grown substantially over the last five years -- from 11.2 percent in Fall 1987 to 15.4 percent in Fall 1991. Similarly, the representation of Black students in the pool has also grown from 5.7 percent to 6.6 percent over this same period. The representation of Filipino students in the pool has increased from 2.2 percent to 3.0 percent, and the Asian representation has increased slightly from 10.6 percent to 10.8 percent. Only the representation of White students among community college transfer students has declined, dropping from 69.1 percent to 62.7 percent in the last five years.

Differences among campuses in transfer student enrollment

University of California: The relative stability in the numbers of new community college transfer students enrolling at the University masks substantial variations in the enrollments of these students across University campuses (Display 2). In Fall 1991, the number of new community college transfer students at the University's Davis and Irvine campuses dropped by 36 percent and 26 percent respectively. However, both of these campuses gained substantially in the numbers of new transfer students the previous year and, as such, they had a much

smaller two-year decline in numbers of new transfer students enrolled over the last two years. The smaller campuses at Riverside, Santa Cruz, and San Diego increased their numbers of new community college transfer students substantially in both Fall 1990 and Fall 1991. UCLA and UC Berkeley experienced moderate increases in their numbers of new transfer students over the last three years.

The California State University: Most of the State University campuses exhibited similar patterns of minor fluctuations in the numbers of new community college transfer students. However, a few campuses have had substantially different enrollment patterns recently for these students (Display 3). The Dominguez Hills and Hayward campuses have had two years of growth in new transfer students, while the numbers of these students declined in each of the last two years at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona; Humboldt State University; and San Francisco State University.

DISPLAY 2 *New Community College Students Enrolled at the General Campuses of the University of California, Fall 1989 Through Fall 1991*

Campus	Fall 1989	Fall 1990	Fall 1991
Berkeley	1,070	1,118	1,179
Davis	1,036	1,424	912
Irvine	633	833	618
Los Angeles	1,283	1,531	1,783
Riverside	277	319	399
San Diego	527	674	833
Santa Barbara	991	890	974
Santa Cruz	409	632	766

DISPLAY 3 *New Community College Transfer Students Enrolled at Campuses of the California State University, Fall 1989 Through Fall 1991*

Campus	Fall 1989	Fall 1990	Fall 1991
CPSU, San Luis Obispo	1,112	930	1,073
CSPU, Pomona	1,224	1,087	967
CSU, Bakersfield	420	433	411
CSU, Chico	1,606	1,487	1,520
CSU, Dominguez Hills	831	880	962
CSU, Fresno	1,665	1,619	1,645
CSU, Fullerton	2,055	1,983	2,144
CSU, Hayward	1,047	1,104	1,132
CSU, Long Beach	2,086	2,424	2,174
CSU, Los Angeles	1,174	1,312	1,240
CSU, Northridge	1,949	2,266	2,206
CSU, Sacramento	2,697	2,974	2,770
CSU, San Bernardino	1,159	1,268	1,247
CSU, Stanislaus	604	574	606
CSU, San Marcos	--	302	346
Humboldt State University	682	673	623
San Diego State University	2,488	2,588	2,575
San Francisco State University	2,120	1,976	1,599
San Jose State University	2,598	2,574	2,561
Sonoma State University	814	916	756